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1. MR TAGHI MOSSADEGHI, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL IRANIAN GAS COMPANY, CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF TODAY THAT WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS FINAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN IRAN AND JAPAN FOR THE SUPPLY OF APPROXIMATELY 2.6 MILLION TONS OF LNG ANNUALLY TO JAPAN. MOSSADEGHI LIKENED THIS IRAN-JAPAN LNG PROJECT TO THE PENDING PROJECT FOR THE SUPPLY OF LNG TO COLOMBIA NATURAL GAS OF THE U.S. IN THE CASE OF NIGC'S AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN, HOWEVER, MOSSADEGHI SAID THAT GOI WAS ABLE TO REACH QUICK AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN SINCE LENGTHY CONSIDERATION OF THE PROJECT BY JAPAN'S REGULATORY AUTHORITIES WAS NOT REQUIRED.

2. FROM WHAT EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP FROM NIGC AND BUSINESS CIRCLES HERE, THE PARTICULARS OF THE IRAN-JAPAN LNG PROJECT AS REPORTED IN REFAIR ARE CORRECT.

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